

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION HONORING LT. COL. DEAN DAVIDGE AS VETERAN OF THE MONTH

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County is home to more than 22,000 veterans; and

WHEREAS, those who have given the ultimate service to this nation by serving in its armed forces are deserving of recognition and gratitude by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Third District has the honor of recognizing Lt. Col. Dean Davidge for his courageous service to our nation during the Vietnam War in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Davidge arrived in Vietnam in 1967 at the age of 24 and spent a majority of his time there making daily deliveries of food and supplies to troops out in the field, and also helped with medical evacuations and other emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Davidge was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross during his service; and

WHEREAS, after completing a twenty year career in the US Marine Corps Reserve, he retired with the ranking Lt. Col., and returned to Santa Ynez and moved into the house he grew up in; and

WHEREAS, upon returning home to the Santa Ynez Valley, Lt. Col. Davidge immersed himself in community service supporting local youth through volunteerism with the Family School Board, as an AYSO soccer coach, he started a local gymnastics program, became a 4-H bee keeping project leader, and served as a Dunn School trustee for 23 years;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors honors Lt. Col. Dean Davidge as the March 2019 Veteran of the Month for his service in our armed forces followed by his service to our community through volunteerism.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 19th day of March 2019, by unanimous vote of all members present.

